

The listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently amended). Composite piston (1) for an internal combustion engine

- consisting of an upper part (4)
  - that forms the piston crown (7), having a combustion bowl (8),
    - = having a recess (20) disposed on the underside facing away from the piston crown, and circumferential with rotation symmetry relative to the longitudinal piston axis (31),
- consisting furthermore of a lower part (5) that is screwed together with the upper part (4) using a screw (6) disposed coaxial to the piston axis (31),
  - = having two pin bosses (27, 27') disposed on the underside at a distance from one another, each having a pin bore (3, 3'),
  - = having skirt elements (32, 32') that connect

the pin bosses (27, 27') with one another,

= having a recess (21) disposed on the top and circumferential with rotation symmetry relative to the longitudinal piston axis (31), which recess forms an inner cooling channel (22) together with the recess (20) of the upper part (4),

~~characterized in that wherein~~

- a continuous circumferential bore (34) having a recess (35) on the piston crown side is worked into the upper part (4), coaxial to the piston axis (31), which recess has a greater radial diameter as compared with the bore (34),
- ~~that~~ a passage bore (36) with inside thread (37) is worked into the lower part (5), coaxial to the piston axis (31), the radial diameter of which bore is slightly less than the diameter of the continuous bore (34), and
- ~~that~~ the screw is configured as a threaded pin (6) having an outside thread (38) identical to the inside thread (37), having a hexagonal socket (6') on the piston inside, and having a head (6'') having a shape that is complementary to the recess (35), on the piston

crown side, in such a manner that the head (6") forms part of the bottom of the combustion bowl (8) and ends flush with the bottom of the combustion bowl (8) in the screwed-together state.

Claim 2 (Currently amended). Composite piston according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the recess (21) is worked into the lower piston part (5) so far that a thin-walled region (33) is formed between piston interior (24) and recess (21), which region can be deformed in the manner of a disk spring, and has the passage bore (36) with the inside thread (37).